The annual installed capacity for manufacture of LPG cylinders is in excess of the requirements of the oil industry.

Modernisation and renovation of power projects

2113. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of power projects which have been renovated and modernised during the current year;

(b) the total amount which has been spent on renovation and modernisation during the same period; and

(c) the quantum of additional power generated during the same period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER (SHRI ARIF MOHD. KHAN): (a) Renovation of no power project has so far been completed since the Centrally-sponsored Renovation and Modernisation scheme has recently commenced.

(b) The budget provision for the current year is Rs. 90.26 crores.

(c) Does not arise in view of reply to part(a).

Change of gas distributors

2114. SHRI R. SAMBASIVA RAO: Will the Miinster of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state

(a) whether it is a fact that the Indian Oil Corporation has recently issued instructions with regard to the change of gas distributors in the same city; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI NAWAL KISHORE SHARMA): (a) and (b) Indian Oil Corporation's LPG consumers in certain specified markets have been allowed the facility of changing to any other distributor located in the same trading area in case the service rendered by the existing distributor is not satisfactory. Surrender of equipment will not be necessary. To begin with, this facility is being provided at Lucknow, Chandigarh, Bhubaneshwar, Durgapur, Ahmedabad, Baroda, Bangalore and Madras.

Singrauli Super Thermal Power Project

2115. SHRI R. SAMBASIVA RAO: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government popose to double the power geneating capacity of the Singrauli Super Thermal Power Project; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER (SHRI ARIF MOHD. KHAN): (a) and (b) The approved capacity of the Singrauli Super Thermal Power Project is 2000 MW, out of which 1000 MW (5 units of 200 MW each) capacity stands commissioned. The remaining capacity (2x500 MW) is scheduled to be added during the Seventh Plan.

National Thermal Power Cooperation

2116. SHRI NIRMAL CHATTERJEE: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some of the State Governments have reservations regarding the functioning of the National Thermal Power Corporation so far as tariff system and plant load factor are concerned;

(b) if so, what are those reservations;

(c) whether the Central Government have held any discussions in this regard to sort out the reservations;

(d) if so, when and what are the outcome of such discussions;

(e) if not, whether Government propose to hold such discussions now; and

(f) if not, what are the reasons therefor?